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PATENT

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Title: IMPLANTABLE DEVICE AND METHOD FOR ADJUSTABLY
RESTRICTING A BODY LUMEN



RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

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This responds to the Office Action dated April 7, 2006. No further claim amendments are made in this response.

TELEPHONIC DISCUSSION

Applicant's attorney, Timothy E. Bianchi, thanks the Examiner for the brief discussion of this matter today. The discussion pertained to the Decision by the Board of Appeals and Patent Interferences and how the claims were believed to be patentable based on the Decision by the Board of Appeals and the arguments set forth in our previous response. This response is a request for reconsideration, as set forth in the Remarks section below. The claims are repeated only for the convenience of the Examiner.